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Gross receipts from licenses, fines and forfeitures collected under the provisions of the Alaska Game Law during the fiscal year 1945 amounted to \$64,190.98 according to Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

Under the terms of the law, 50 per cent of this sum went into the United States Treasury as "miscellaneous receipts" and the other 50 per cent was turned over to the Treasurer of Alaska for the Territorial School Fund.

The Alaska Gam Law, approved in 1925 and amended in 1943, was enacted to give greater protection to the wildlife resources of the Territory. The over-all value of wild game and fur in Alaska, according to the Service, is estimated at more than \$100,000,000.

Approximately \$2,250,000 worth of furs are gathered by trappers each year and more than \$1,000,000 worth of game animals and birds are taken for food purposes in Alaska. Both the furs and the game are harvested mainly by native Indians and Eskimos and by white settlers.

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